

## OWEN MAY HAVE TO EXPLAIN CONTRACT

Proceeding is Now Pending in United States to Determine What Would Constitute Reasonable Fee.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma probably will be asked to explain the 50 per cent contracts which he holds with certain Mississippi Choctaw Indians when the special subcommittee of the house on Indian affairs resumes its investigation of the charges made by Owen's colleague, Senator Gore, in connection with the pending legislation affecting individual contracts held by J. P. McMurray of McAlester with citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations of Oklahoma.

Senator Owen became interested in these contracts before his election to the senate. It is understood that property worth \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 is involved. Some years ago, congress abrogated the contracts, but a proceeding is now pending before the court of claims to determine what is a reasonable fee.

The subcommittee was appointed in the closing hours of the last session of congress. It will meet in Washington next week to complete its investigation.

It will be recalled that Senator Gore went on the floor of the senate and charged that a man from his home town of Lawton had approached him with what he considered a bribe of \$25,000, which might be increased to \$50,000, if he would withdraw his opposition to these contracts. Representative Murphy of Missouri repeated the charge on the floor of the house and added to its sensational feature.

The special committee, consisting of Representatives Charles H. Burke of South Dakota (chairman), Phil P. Campbell of Kansas, Clarence E. Miller of Minnesota, John H. Stephens of Texas and Edward W. Saunders of Virginia, spent the month of August in Oklahoma. About 100 witnesses in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations were examined.

Chairman Burke arrived in Washington Tuesday evening. He said tonight that he received letters from three members of the committee stating they will arrive here about November 20. Until other members of the committee notify the chairman, no date will be fixed for resuming the hearings. However, the chairman says the committee will take up its work during the coming week.

"We have not yet decided whether former Senators Chester I. Long of Kansas and John M. Thurston of Nebraska, who have interests in the McMurray contracts, will be called to the witness stand," said Mr. Burke. "Most of the important testimony already has been taken. The purpose of resuming the hearing here is principally to get the testimony of attorneys who live in Washington. The committee is investigating Indian contracts in general as well as those held by McMurray."

Richard C. Adams, the Delaware Indian, whose name was frequently mentioned in connection with the McMurray contracts during the hearings in Oklahoma, will be summoned as a witness. Mr. Adams is a resident of the national capital, representing the Delaware Indians. When he was on the stand in Oklahoma, Mr. McMurray told the committee that Mr. Adams has a "perfectly legitimate interest" in the Choctaw and Chickasaw contracts.

While the committee was in Oklahoma, Senator Gore voluntarily withdrew the charge that Vice President James S. Sherman and Senator Chas. Curtis of Kansas were "interested" in the McMurray contracts and the three republican members of the committee officially cleared Representative Bird S. McGuire of Oklahoma of a similar charge.

## Laborer Commits Suicide.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 19.—Paralysis of the body, from the armpits down did not limit the movements of Amiel Von Lakren, a tile setter, whose back was broken in July, enough to prevent his committing suicide. Above his cot he arranged a frame with a rope and pulley, which could alter his position and tied the rope around his neck and twisted himself about until he died of strangulation.

## MAYORS WILL DEMAND MANY MUNICIPAL REFORMS

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 19.—A legislative measure providing several municipal reforms for cities of the first class in Oklahoma is being drafted by a committee of mayors which assembled here yesterday from ten cities.

Uniform regulations regarding paving, waterworks, sewers, sidewalks, etc., are included in the draft. The measure will be presented to the Third legislature early in January.

Mayor McGarr of Muskogee, who called the convention, presided and outlined the general idea of municipal legislative reform.

Shawnee, McAlester, Ardmore, Guthrie, Durant, Chickasha and Muskogee are represented.

## DAN MYERS STORE IS BURGLARIZED

Furs, Plumes And Pocket Books Go to Make Up \$175 Worth of Goods Stolen From Vinita Store.

The burglars who have been plying their trade in Vinita again got busy last night and as a result Dan Myers' store is shy about \$175 worth of furs, plumes and pocket books.

That the burglars watch every opportunity to steal is shown by the manner of the robbery last night. On the north show window of the Myers store there was a crack in the plate of glass, extending about eighteen inches from the bottom and to the side of the glass leaving a piece of glass probably six inches wide at the bottom broken off of the big glass. This piece was smashed by the burglars, and by means of a stick or hook, several hats were ranked within reach of the person, who stood on the outside, and were stripped of the valuable plumes. A handsome set of furs was also hooked in the same manner. Two valuable pocket books also were stolen making the total value of the articles stolen about \$175.

The sheriff was notified early this morning but has been unable to find any trace of the burglar or burglars. A reward of \$50 has been offered for the return of the goods or the conviction of the thief.

The authorities are of the opinion that the robberies that have been so frequent of late are the work of local talent, and a special effort will be made to stamp out the evil.

## Episcopal Church.

Rev. Samuel G. Welles, Rector. There will be the usual service at Saint John's church, Canadian and Miller streets, Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the sermon will be "The Duty of Thankfulness." Sunday school in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The opportunity for free musical training by so accomplished an artist as Mr. Paul McKay has brought a number of boys into training for the choir. The boys are only required to sing at the Sunday night service at 7:30 o'clock. There is no Sunday morning service.

## HUNDRED DEATHS RESULT FROM DISORDERS IN MEXICO

**Fight Began When Police Attempted to Break Up Gathering of Anti-Reelectionists—No Americans Believed to Have Been in the Fray—Booms and Dynamite Used to Repel Police and Rurales—Troops Arrive Later—Official Statement Says Number Dead is Unknown.**

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—A special from Puebla, where the revolutionary rioting occurred, says the town is quiet. Similar reports received from the interior cities estimated the number killed in the fighting at 100 to 170.

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—One hundred persons including the chief of police, were killed in riots at Puebla yesterday according to statements of passengers arriving here last night.

The stories told are that the trouble began yesterday morning when several policemen, headed by the chief of police, attempted to break up a meeting of anti-re-electionists. As Chief of Police Miguel Cabrera and his men advanced toward the building, a door was opened by a woman, who shot the chief.

A fight then began between the police and the occupants. A bomb was thrown from one of the windows into the midst of the policemen and rurales, the latter having been called to assist the officers. The bomb exploded, killing many. The other casualties occurred in the course of the fighting, which took place in the street. So far as known there were no Americans killed.

The passengers further declared from midnight until they left Puebla in the afternoon there was continuous rioting and while the anti-re-electionists had been dislodged from the building, fears were entertained that the disorders were by no means at an end.

From other sources in Mexico City last night it was learned the seventeenth battalion left here late yesterday for Puebla by special train and that other trains were in readiness to transport additional troops to the scene if necessary. It was officially stated here that eighteen men had been killed in Puebla.

A telegram from Puebla at 6:45 o'clock last night said that at that moment the first regiment of federal troops had arrived, as had also a corps of rurales.

These, under the command of Generals Luis Valle and Eduardo Caz, were being led against the house in which the rebels were fortified and were attacking shouting "Long live the supreme government."

The Maderistas, as they have come to be known, were keeping up a hot fire from the windows and balconies.

A feature of the fighting was the part played by women. The wife of Joseph Cerdan, who killed the chief of police, was in turn killed by the fire of the troops. Several other women who were in the house, also were said to have appeared upon the balcony and taken part in the conflict. When the place was captured several were found among the dead and wounded.

A later dispatch contained the information that the house had been taken by the troops and that 100 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition had been captured, and that order had been restored.

Secretary of Foreign Relations Enrique C. Creel, at a late hour last night, authorized the statement that he had no official information as to the number of dead and wounded at Puebla, but that it was a fact that many had been killed and that bombs and dynamite had been employed by the revolutionists. The trouble, he said, was confined to Puebla.

"I have had reports from the governors of all of the states," he said, "and can say positively there is no disturbance anywhere in the republic outside of Puebla."

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 19.—Grossly exaggerated reports of the anti-American movement in Mexico have been sent out by sensational newspaper correspondents both to American and

Mexican newspapers. Hundreds of letters have been received by San Antonio merchants and business men from prominent Americans and prominent Mexicans, which all unite in the testimony that the riotous acts were committed, for the most part, by a few ignorant malcontents who in every country seize opportunities for disorderly outbreaks.

Letters from C. P. Diaz, just across the river, and from Eagle Pass, Tex., declare that the alleged riot there and attempted destruction of the American consulate was limited to the skylarking of two drunken young men in a hack who went around and threw bricks in the windows.

There is no doubt of the cordial feeling of President Diaz and the Mexican government to the United States. This kindly feeling President Diaz has shown on numerous occasions to the city of San Antonio. At this time the Mexican government has on display at the San Antonio International fair the largest and finest exhibit of Mexican resources and Mexican products that has ever been made in this country. Not only that, but the government has sent from the City of Mexico one of its finest bands to be in attendance during the entire fifteen days of the fair.

Wild rumors are always current on the border whenever an enterprising yellow correspondent can find one or two drunken hombres to talk. Congressman Slayden of the San Antonio district, who was a member of the recent delegation sent by the United States government to the Centennial celebration in Mexico, made a public statement today of information he has received from numerous correspondents in Mexico along the lines stated above. Congressman Slayden declares that the situation is grossly exaggerated.

Federal officers are in close touch with the situation here and are in a position to quash any violation of the neutrality laws, such as one rumor indicates, in the purchase of a large number of fire arms in this city and the organization of an expedition against Mexico. The federal authorities are backed up by a great army post where a brigade is in garrison. All branches of the service being represented prompt and vigorous action is certain to be taken if any hostile movement really develops.

At present these alleged movements are all wind and talk manufactured, for the most part, by young men who sell their dreams at so much a hundred words. Conservative men in this section who know the conditions in Mexico are a unit in declaring that the whole affair is a tempest in a tea pot that will soon blow over and be forgotten. In the meantime the only damage that is done is to American commerce with Mexico.

## Walsh Must Stay in Prison.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—John R. Walsh, is not to be liberated from the penitentiary at Leavenworth, where he is serving sentence for wrecking a Chicago bank, according to a decision of Attorney General Wickersham.

## Passed a Favorable Night.

By Associated Press.

Atapova, Russia, Nov. 19.—Count Tolstoi passed a favorable night and his improvement continued today.

## Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. O. Davis, Pastor. The pastor will preach in the afternoon and evening at Pleasant Hill, so there will be no evening service here. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:30 p. m.

## Examining His Specimens.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—A busy program is mapped out for Roosevelt today. He first went to the Smithsonian Institute to examine the specimens of his African expedition. In the afternoon he will be at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Longworth, where the returns of the Yale-Harvard game will be received. During the afternoon Secretary Knox, manager of the diplomatic corps is expected to call.

## PREMATURE EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR OF THE GUN CREW

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—Four men were killed today by premature explosion of a five-inch gun at the Indian Head proving grounds of the navy. The breech block of a gun which was being tested, blew backward into the gun crew. Lieutenant Arthur Chaffee, one of the men killed, was born in Missouri, and believed to have come from Carthage. The other dead are: J. L. Brown, battery offtoman; Nelson Jackson, negro battery attendant, and J. J. Leary, ordinance man.

## SPECIAL SESSION NOW A CERTAINTY

Governor Delay in Going Back to Guthrie on Account of Relapse Suffered by Mrs. Haskell.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 19.—It now virtually is certain that Governor Haskell will call a special session of the new legislature to convene at Guthrie either November 28 or December 1, to pass a bill to carry out his plan of locating the state capital at Oklahoma City.

The governor was to have come to Guthrie today for that purpose but a telephone message received here late Friday from Oklahoma City stated that he may not be able to come today as Mrs. Haskell, who has been ill for some time, suffered a relapse.

The governor has conferred either personally or through representatives with two-thirds of the members of the legislature and it is said that he has received assurances from most of them that they will favor his capital location plans. The plan is to convene the legislature at Guthrie, as the constitution absolutely requires the legislature to sit at the capital, and then adjourn to Oklahoma City, by a two-thirds vote under the emergency section of the constitution.

It is said that Lee Cruce, governor-elect, has agreed not to oppose the special session upon representations made to him that the special session will relieve the Cruce administration of the responsibility of locating the capital and will leave the regular session free to pass administration measures.

Secretary of State T. P. Smith, who has maintained a branch office at Oklahoma City since his appointment by Governor Haskell to succeed the late Bill Cross, removed his force and office furniture back to Guthrie Friday.

In an opinion to Governor Haskell, Attorney General Charles West holds that the capital decision of the supreme court, "absolutely sweeps the deck for legislation either through the legislature or through the initiative, provided the necessary procedure be followed strictly."

## GIRL FROM U. S. A. ONLY PASSABLE ENTERTAINMENT

"The Girl From U. S. A." turned out to be a passably entertaining combination of music and mellow-drama. From a dramatic standpoint the plot was thin and sometimes hardly consistent with itself, but nobody goes to musical comedy for a plot. "The Girl" herself was well played by Lucile Coleman, the scenery and costumes were unusually good, and, considering their comparative youthfulness in real life the chorus was quite successful in making up as a bunch of grilles, though one of them was so wasteful of powder that an economical manager would give her a call down. Some of the musical numbers were quite catchy, and the boys and the girls and the proverbial "tired business man" seemed to be enjoying it all. Besides, the whole show had the merit of being clean.

## CROSS EXAMINATION PROVES FRUITLESS

Llano's Evidence is Unshaken And Mexican Judge Insists All Transactions Were Legal.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 19.—A searching cross examination of Judge F. Valdes Llano of Monclova, Mexico, who Thursday proved to be the star witness for the defense in the Kickapoo cases, failed to break down his testimony to any decided extent. His force, however, was weakened somewhat by circumstances brought out by the prosecution, but he insisted throughout that the transactions before him were legal and regular.

Probably the strongest point brought out by the prosecution was made in the examination of Valdes Llano regarding the Ke-ah-shah-peah deed, made before him in December, 1906. His attention was called to a certified copy of the record of his court showing that Pin-o-pah-peah was the only Indian who appeared before him on the day when this deed was dated, while an affidavit was attached to the deed stating that Ke-ah-shah-peah personally appeared. Judge Valdes Llano stated that the clerk might have made a mistake in his record, but that the affidavit was correct. This was regarded as important by the prosecution, as it had already been shown that the woman was ill with consumption at the Indian camp at the time.

He also was asked regarding the affidavit attached to the deed of Panotho, wife of Ma-sha-sha, who had died several years before. He stated that a woman claiming to be of that name had appeared, and that he since had understood that it was Ma-sha-sha's second wife who appeared. He was shown a photograph of Paw-kaw-kah, claimed by the prosecution to be an imbecile, but said that he did not remember him and that all Indians looked alike to him. It was also brought out that he did not assure himself positively of the identity of the Indians who appeared before him.

Several contradictions were pointed out between Valdes Llano's testimony here and that given in Mexico in July, which he explained by saying that he was taken by surprise at that time and remembered better now.

## JAIL DELIVERY LIBERATES FOUR IN NOWATA COUNTY

Nowata, Okla., Nov. 19.—A jail delivery occurred in Nowata Thursday night, and the fugitives, it is reported are headed south.

The working of four men to liberty from the county jail in Nowata Thursday night was one of the most daring jail breaks in the history of the state. They had cut their way through the floor of the jail, to the basement of the building, tore a hole in the brick foundation and escaped into the jail yard. They then broke the lock off the jail yard gate and disappeared. The jailer had inspected the jail just a few minutes previous to the delivery and thought everything was safe.

There were seven prisoners in the jail and three of them made no attempt to get away. Those who escaped were Roy Stewart, committed to jail on October 5th, for stealing a watch; Frank Hunter and Jesse Rid-enhour, charged with holding up George Shoemaker's place of business and who have been confined in the Nowata jail since last August, and Roy Cole, committed to jail November 5 for stealing five candles of tobacco.

## Asks Agent to Stop Sale.

By Associated Press.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 19.—Attorney General West today requested the commissioner of Indian affairs to stop the proposed sale, at Pawhuska, Okla., of Turkey Island, in the Arkansas river. The island is said to be worth a half million dollars in oil deposits. Since oil was discovered the island has been allotted to Osage Indians.

## Johnstone Funeral Sunday Afternoon.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 19.—The body of Ralph Johnstone, the aviator killed in a fall in an aeroplane at Denver, Colo., Thursday, reached here at noon today, in charge of Walter Brookins. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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